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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM:RE MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT
REGARDING VISITS OF MIDDLE EAST FOREIGN MINISTERS
(S/S NO. 7722122)

1. ISSUE FOR DECISION: YOUR APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING
MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT REGARDING THE FORTHCOMING
VISITS OF MIDDLE EAST FOREIGN MINISTERS.
2. ESSENTIAL FACTORS. THE PRESIDENT HAS AGREED TO RE-
CEIVE EACH OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST
CONFRONTATION STATES AND SAUDI ARABIA DURING THEIR VISITS
TO THE UNITED STATES IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNGA. THE
FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT DISCUSSES A
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BASIC FRAMEWORK FOR THE VISIT AND PRESS EXPOSURE, AND
PROPOSES A SPECIFIC SCHEDULE FOR THE FIRST FIVE MEETINGS.

3. IT WOULD SEEM MOST APPROPRIATE TO BEGIN THE SERIES
OF MEETINGS WITH DAYAN. WE HAVE CHECKED INFORMALLY AND
DETERMINED THAT HE CANNOT BE IN WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER
13-14, AND ON SEPTEMBER 15-16 THE PRESIDENT WILL BE

MEETING WITH FRENCH PRIME MINISTER BARRE. DAYAN COULD MEET WITH YOU ON THE 16TH AND WITH THE PRESIDENT ON SEPTEMBER 19. FAHMY HAS TOLD US HE INTENDS TO ARRIVE ON

SEPTEMBER 17 AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO BE IN WASHINGTON FOR MEETINGS ON THE 19TH. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ASK FAHMY TO ADJUST HIS SCHEDULE TO PERMIT HIS MEETING THE PRESIDENT AND YOU HERE ON SEPTEMBER 21, AND WITH YOUR CONCURRENCE WE WOULD DO SO.

4. WE SUGGEST TRYING TO SCHEDULE KHADDAM FOR MEETINGS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND YOU ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23. KHADDAM HAS TOLD DICK MURPHY HE PLANS TO ARRIVE IN THE U.S. SEPTEMBER 25, BUT WE SUGGEST ASKING HIM IF HE CAN BE HERE FOR THE 23RD SO THAT THE MEETINGS WITH THE THREE PRINCIPAL FOREIGN MINISTERS CAN TAKE PLACE THE FIRST WEEK.

5. THAT WILL STILL LEAVE SHARAF, SAUD AND BOUTROS TO BE RECEIVED DURING THE TIME YOU ARE IN NEW YORK. WE SUGGEST THE JORDANIANS AND SAUD COME TO WASHINGTON TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT DURING THAT PERIOD BUT THAT YOU HAVE YOUR MEETINGS AND SOCIAL OCCASION WITH THEM IN NEW YORK. IF YOU WISHED TO REMAIN IN NEW YORK AND HAVE PHIL HABIB AND/OR ROY ATHERTON ATTEND THE WHITE HOUSE MEETINGS WITH THEM IN YOUR ABSENCE, WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD BY BOTH SHARAF AND SAUD. FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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YOU TO COME BACK DOWN TO WASHINGTON WOULD CONSIDERABLY DISRUPT YOUR ALREADY HEAVY NEW YORK SCHEDULE OF BILATERALS. WE WOULD HOPE THAT BOUTROS COULD BE WALKED IN FOR A VERY BRIEF MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT WHILE HE IS IN NEW YORK IN OCTOBER, AND YOU COULD HAVE YOUR BILATERAL MEETING WITH HIM THERE AS WELL.

6. WE HAVE INFORMALLY CONFIRMED THE AVAILABILITY OF THE SUGGESTED DATES WITH THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF, WHICH ALSO BELIEVES THAT A BRIEF MEETING BETWEEN BOUTROS AND THE PRESIDENT IN NEW YORK WILL BE POSSIBLE.

7. THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSED MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT:

SUBJECT: VISITS OF MIDDLE EAST FOREIGN MINISTERS

DURING THE LATTER PART OF SEPTEMBER AND THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THOSE MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THE ARAB/ISRAELI CONFLICT WILL BE IN THE UNITED STATES. YOU HAVE AGREED TO RECEIVE EACH OF THEM SEPARATELY DURING THEIR VISITS TO

THIS COUNTRY. IN VIEW OF THE SENSITIVITIES INVOLVED, WE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO GIVE EACH OF THESE VISITORS ROUGHLY SIMILAR TREATMENT (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE LEBANESE, WHO WILL NOT HAVE THE SAME SUBSTANTIVE INTEREST).

BASIC FRAMEWORK:

THE OFFICIAL PORTION OF EACH OF THE FIRST THREE VISITS NEED LAST NO MORE THAN A DAY. A BASIC ONE-DAY SCHEDULE WOULD INCLUDE A MEETING WITH YOU OF ONE AND ONE-HALF HOUR'S DURATION, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AND DISCUSSIONS WITH ME AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT. IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT THE VISITOR OR HIS AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON MIGHT WISH TO GIVE A SOCIAL FUNCTION DURING HIS STAY IN
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WASHINGTON, BUT YOU WOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

BECAUSE I WILL BE IN NEW YORK DURING THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE SEPTEMBER 26-OCTOBER 7 PERIOD, THE NEXT TWO VISITS COULD BE A VARIANT OF THE FIRST THREE, ESSENTIALLY COMPRISING A MORNING MEETING WITH YOU IN WASHINGTON WITH PHILIP HABIB AND/OR ROY ATHERTON REPRESENTING ME, SUPPLEMENTED BY A WORKING BREAKFAST OR LUNCH WITH ME IN NEW YORK. DISCUSSIONS WITH THE LEBANESE WOULD BE AN EXCEPTION: I WOULD HAVE A MEETING WITH HIM IN NEW YORK, AND COULD BRING HIM IN TO SEE YOU FOR NO MORE THAN FIFTEEN MINUTES DURING THE PERIOD OF YOUR OWN STAY THERE.

WIVES:

WIVES ARE NOT EXPECTED TO ACCOMPANY THEIR HUSBANDS TO WASHINGTON. IF BY CHANCE THEY DECIDE TO DO SO, HOWEVER, THEY WOULD FOLLOW THEIR OWN PROGRAM AND WOULD NEITHER EXPECT NOR NEED THE PARTICIPATION OF MRS. CARTER.

PRESS EXPOSURE:

I BELIEVE PRESS ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE A MINOR VARIATION OF THOSE MADE FOR THE PREVIOUS VISITS HERE OF THE MIDDLE EASTERN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT. THERE WOULD BE NO ARRIVAL CEREMONY, BUT THERE WOULD BE A BRIEF PHOTO OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PRESS IN THE OVAL OFFICE AT THE OPENING OF THE MEETING YOU HAVE WITH EACH FOREIGN MINISTER. AS WITH THE MEETINGS WITH THE MIDDLE EAST LEADERS, YOU MAY WANT TO MAKE A FEW INFORMAL REMARKS TO THE PRESS ON THE LAWN OUTSIDE YOUR OFFICE AFTER ESCORTING THE VISITOR TO HIS CAR. IN ANY CASE, THE
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WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY WOULD HAVE A BRIEF STATEMENT ON THE MEETING, AGREED WITH THE VISITOR, TO GIVE LATER TO THE PRESS. HE WOULD ALSO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TALKS.

OTHER MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON:

SOME OF THE VISITORS MAY WISH TO MEET WITH PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS OR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS DURING THEIR STAY IN WASHINGTON. WE HAVE NOT HEARD OF ANY INTEREST IN MEETINGS WITH OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

PROPOSED SPECIFIC SCHEDULE:

BASED ON AN INFORMAL CHECK WITH THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF AND FROM WHAT WE KNOW OF THE ARRIVAL PLANS OF THE VISITORS INVOLVED, THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE WOULD APPEAR TO BE REASONABLE:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 - YOUR MEETING WITH ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - MEETING WITH EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 - MEETING WITH SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 - MEETING WITH JORDANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SHARAF.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 - MEETING WITH SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER SAUD.

(KHADDAM AND SAUD WOULD HAVE TO MODIFY THEIR OWN PLANS TO MEET THIS SCHEDULE, BUT WE THINK THEY WILL BE PRE-CONFIDENTIAL

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PARED TO DO SO.)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT YOU AGREE TO THE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF VISITS PROPOSED ABOVE.

APPROVE.....DISAPPROVE.....

2. THAT YOU AGREE TO A MORNING MEETING OF ONE TO ONE
AND ONE-HALF HOURS FOR EACH VISITOR, EXCEPT THE LEBANESE,
WHOM YOU COULD SEE BRIEFLY IN NEW YORK.

APPROVE.....DISAPPROVE.....

3. THAT YOU MEET THE VISITOR AT THE WHITE HOUSE
ENTRANCE AND ESCORT HIM DIRECTLY TO YOUR OFFICE.

APPROVE.....DISAPPROVE.....

4. THAT YOU APPROVE THE SCENARIO OUTLINED FOR PRESS
ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING A BRIEF PHOTO OPPORTUNITY IN
YOUR OFFICE WITH EACH VISITOR AND A BRIEF STATEMENT
TO THE PRESS LATER BY THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY.

APPROVE.....DISAPPROVE.....

END OF MEMORANDUM.

8. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU APPROVE TRANSMISSION OF THE ABOVE MEMORANDUM
TO THE PRESIDENT.
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APPROVE..... DISAPPROVE.....

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